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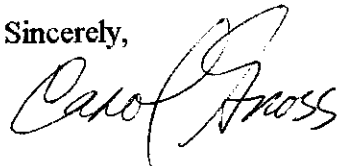
To whom it may concern,

I think the American people deserve to know where their food comes from, and that it should be labeled. My concern is that we, U.S. farmers, have certain ground rules and regulations concerning the production of meat and milk, and other countries have little or no regulations. If they have the same regulations and quality standards, I have no problem with not labeling. But I have real serious concerns when our laws are stringent to keep our foods safe, and other countries don't. There are people who are affected by certain chemicals or substances used in medications in feed fed to animals in other countries. Also, sanitary conditions are not the same. Many foreign countries lack pure water and have little refrigeration available. Also, some foreign countries still use chemicals that have been banned in the USA for years. You owe it to the American people to label where the products come from just like any other goods they purchase in the USA.

Having been a dairy farmer, I have never understood why you impose the standards you do on the American farmers, but then turn your backs and let substandard unregulated foods be imported. Is anyone able to justify this reasoning?

Please label products from foreign countries. We know where cars, clothing, crafts, TV's, furniture and other items are made and we aren't ingesting these into our bodies. Food labels on origin are more important than any other products that we purchase.

Sincerely,



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